

Dear Friends at Hope,

Amos 7:8-9 Then the Lord said, "Behold, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of My people Israel; I will never again pass by them; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

A plumb line is a tool to determine if a wall or surface is correctly vertical, or off a little bit. If the wall is set correctly, it is plumb. God was taking a looking at his people who were definitely out of plumb. They set up idols and worshipped them, instead of following the real God who made and saved them.

Like Amos we will have times to stand for what is right--to stand for what God's Word has to say. Why? Love. God loves us. Repentance and turning towards God always brings blessings. God's desires a people who look to Him and love Him, just like He loves us.

Yours in Jesus,

Pastor Rich

TWO INVITATIONS: Bethany Lutheran Church, our neighbor in Ewing, NJ has invited us to the installation of their new pastor, The Rev. Dr. Elwood Mather, III. The installation will be Sunday July 11th at 4:00pm with light refreshments following. You can find Bethany Lutheran Church at 1125 Parkside Ave Ewing, NJ. We are also invited to the Installation of Rev. Ryan Schnake as Associate Pastor at Concordia Lutheran Church. 2623 Brookside Road, Macungie, PA. The service will be Saturday July 24th at 11am.

DIVINE CALL ACCEPTED: After prayer and thoughtful consideration Maryann Puls has accepted the Divine Call to serve as a Teacher at Hope Lutheran School. As a "called" teacher Maryann will continue to teach and have other school related responsibilities. Installation will take place on the Blessing of the Backpack Sunday, August 29th at 9:30am.

THANK YOU FROM CLAIRE NEAGLEY: Thank you for all of the cards, emails and prayers offered these past few weeks as our family members said goodbye to my mom, Caroline Krans, who died on June 21st. The pastor at Faith Lutheran Church--Lampasas, TX (mom and dad's home parish for over 45 years) led a beautiful memorial service on Monday, June 28th. Many parish members were present to remember both Caroline and Edward, her husband, who died 14 years previously. Along with us coming from Pennsylvania, 15 family members traveled from their homes in Wisconsin, Missouri, Virginia and south Texas to sing, pray and remember mom (and dad!). Rich and I appreciate all of the love and care our Hope family members have shared with us. God bless you all. Most sincerely, Claire and Rich

MEN'S SOFTBALL REPORT: The Hope/Woodside softball team continues to play in the Christian Fellowship Softball League at 6:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Check the calendar below for game locations. Come out and cheer on the team! Here are the highlights from recent games:

July 1st: Scheduled as the last day of the season ended up being rained out. The league decided to stay on playoff schedule and the game will not be made up. Hope/Woodside ended with a record 7 wins, 6 losses, ending 5th place in the standings.

July 6th: Playoffs began. Hope/Woodside found themselves down 5 after the first inning but answered back with a 7 run second inning. Both teams scored in the 3rd inning as the lead changed 5 times in that span. Our bats and defense went cold as Bucks church heated up scoring 13 runs in 2 innings. Too much for us to overcome, Hope/Woodside lose 22-10.

Hope/Woodside needs to win one more game to stay in the running. See the calendar for the upcoming game.

NEW FRIENDS AMONG US: The people of Calvary Evangelical Church, a small Liberian congregation, will be worshipping at Hope as they build up funds for their own church building. Since June 6th they have been meeting in our sanctuary on Sundays at 11:30 am. Please be sure to welcome our new friends. For more information, contact Tom Marks t_marks10@comcast.net.

SOCIAL MEDIA ASSISTANCE NEEDED: Hope Church and School is looking for volunteers to assist in our social media plan! If you enjoy taking photos, Photoshop, posting online, scheduling, etc... Let us know! You do not have to be an expert to help out. Write "Social Media" on your record of fellowship to indicate that you would like to volunteer or call the church office.

WORSHIP LIVESTREAM: Go to Hope's website at www.hopelcs.org/news and follow the instructions to worship livestream on Facebook. You can also access worship services on YouTube. Sunday worship services are posted after noon on Mondays.

FOOD MINISTRY UPDATE: Each 3rd Sunday of the month members can bring wrapped sandwiches to our lobby for distribution to needy people in or area. Later in the morning, they will be picked up and distributed immediately to homeless and hungry people in our area. The next sandwich collection date will be July 18th. For more information, contact Barbara Veil at 267-799-5944.

SAFE WORSHIP PRACTICES REVISED: We are glad you are here. As COVID conditions improve, we at Hope are continuing to provide a safe and worshipful environment. Sanitizing stations are still available at the doors and at the entrance to the sanctuary. We are no longer "encouraging" masks, but they may be worn by those who choose to. Offering plates remain at the rear of the sanctuary for offerings and Record of Fellowship slips. We will continue, for the time being, to utilize continuous distribution of Holy Communion. Following the service, please introduce yourself to one another and enjoy some refreshments outside of the worship area.

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS AND ALTAR GUILD ASSISTANTS NEEDED: This is a service to God and His people here at Hope. Communion Assistants help distribute the communion elements. Altar Guild members prepare and clean the communion trays and set up the altar. Men and women are needed for both, but you can do one or the other. Training will be

provided and you can serve on a rotating basis along with others. Interested? Call Glenn Holmes at 215-932-9754 or email holmesgbman@gmail.com

HOW TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION? We are offering Holy Communion weekly at each worship service. If you cannot attend worship, please call the church office (215-946-3467) to schedule a time to receive it here at church, privately, or at your home. Pastor Rich is very happy to share this faith strengthening gift with you.

WE ARE HERE TO PRAY FOR YOU. You can call Pastor Rich (215-584-1262), our church office (215-946-3467), or email us at prayerchain@hopelcs.org. We have a team of people who are committed to bring your petitions and requests before our Lord.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR RADIO, PODCAST, AND DEVOTIONALS. The Lutheran Hour Ministries, broadcasts sermons on Sundays at 7am on several local station including 107.3FM, 97.1FM, and 91.7FM. See their website for more radio listings, podcasts, and daily devotionals at www.lhm.org.

FROM OUR FINANCIAL OFFICE

Your regular offerings help us to continue our ongoing ministry at Hope. Mail your offerings to Hope Lutheran Church, 2600 Haines Road, Levittown, PA, 19055 Visit our website at <https://hopelcs.org/giving/online-giving>. Use Bill Pay options with your local bank for one-time or recurring offerings. They pay the postage.

THIS WEEK AT HOPE

The full church calendar may be found on the web at www.HopeLCS.org

Sunday	9:30 am	Worship: In Person	Sanctuary
	9:30 am	Worship: Livestream	www.hopelcs.org/news
	10:45 am	No Adult Bible Study for the Summer!	
	11:45 am	AA at Hope	Outside
	4:00 pm	Instillation Rev. Dr. Elwood Mather, III	Bethany Lutheran Church
Monday	7:15 pm	Church Council	Room 109
Tuesday	6:00 pm	Men's Softball	Firefighters Field Langhorne
Thursday	7:00 pm	Celebrate Recovery	Room 108
Sunday	9:30 am	Worship: In Person	Sanctuary
	9:30 am	Worship: Livestream	www.hopelcs.org/news
	9:30 am	Food Ministry: Sandwich Collection	Lobby
	11:45 am	AA at Hope	Outside